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be enquired in the vilitation, in the firſte yere of the raigne of our moſte dread Soueraigne Lady, Elizabeth by the grace of GOD, of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defendour of the faith, &c.

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Fyrst, whether any Parson, Vicar, or Curate, be resident continually vpon his Benefice, doyng his duetie in preachyng, redyng and duelye ministryng the holye Sacramentes. 1 Residencie.

Item, whether in theyr Churches and Chappelles, all Images, Shrynes, all Tables, Candelsticks, Trindelles, or rolles of war, pictures, payntynges, and all other monumentes of fayned and false miracles, pylgrymages, Idolatrye, and superstition, be remoued, abolysshed, and destroyed. 2 False miracles.

Item, whether they do not euery Holydaye when they haue no Sermon, immediatly after the Gospell, openly, playnely, and distinctly, reasyte to theyr paryshioners in the Pulpitte, the Lordes prayer, the beliefe, and the tenne Commaundementes in Englysshe. 3 Lordes prayer.

Item, whether they do charge fathers and mothers, maisters, and gouernours of youth, to bryng them vp in some vertuous studye and occupation. 4 To bryng vp youth.

Curates. 5 Item, whether suche beneficed menne as be lawfully absent from their benefices, do leaue theyr cures to a rude and vnlearned Parson, and not to an honest well learned and expert Curate whiche can and wyll teache you holsome doctrine.

Readyng the Scriptures. 6 Item, whether they do discourage any person from readyng of any part of the Byble, eyther in Latin or Englyshe, and do not rather comfort and exhort euery person to reade the same at conuenient tymes, as the very lyuely worde of God, and the speciall foode of mans soule.

Tauernes and games. 7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and other Ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes or Alehouses, geuyng themselues to drynkyng, ryotyng, and playing at vnlawfull games, and do not occupy themselues in the reading or hearing of some part of holy scripture, or in some other godly exercise.

Preachers. 8 Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in theyr cures, not beyng lawefullye licenced therevnto, or haue ben licenced accordyngly.

Superstitiō 9 Item, whether they vse to declare to theyr paryshioners any thyng to the extollyng or settyng forth of vayne and superstitious religion, pylgrimages, reliques, or ymages, or lyghtyng

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of candelles, kyssyng, kneelyng, or deckyng of the same ymages.

Item, whether they haue one booke or Regi- 10
ster kepte, wherein they wryte the day of euery Register.
weddyng, christenyng, and buryyng.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people 11
to obedience to the Queenes Maiestie, and mini- Obedience.
sters, and to charitie and loue one to another.

Item, whether they haue admonyshed theyr 12
paryshioners, that they ought not to presume to The Sacra-
receyue the Sacrament of the body and bloud of ment.
Christe, before they can saye perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the fayth, and the ten commaundementes in Englyshe.

Item, whether they be resident vppon their 13
benefices, and kepe hospitalitie, or no. And yf Hospitalitie
they be absent and kepe no hospitalitie, whether they do relieue their parishioners, and what they geue them.

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, Vi- 14
cars, and Clarkes, hauyng Churches, Chappels, Reparati-
and Mansions, do kepe theyr Chauncels, Recto- ons.
ries, Vicarages, and all other houses appertaynyng to them, in due reparations.

Item, whether they do counsayle or moue 15
theyr parishioners rather to praye in a tongue Prayer in
not knowen, then in Englyshe, or put theyr Englyshe.

Beades. trust in any certayne number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of Beades, or other lyke.

16 Item, whether they haue receyued any per-
Diffamed persons. sons to the Communion, beyng openly knowen to be out of charitie with theyr neyghbours, or diffamed with any notorious cryme, and not re-fourmed.

17 Item, whether they haue prouided and haue
Pooremens box. a strong Chest for the poore mens box, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Churche most conuenient.

18 Item, whether they haue diligently called vp-
Testamen-tes. pon, exhorted, and moued theyr parissioners, and especially when they make theyr testamentes, to geue to the sayd poore mens box, and to bestowe
Pooremens box. that vpon the poore, whiche they were wont to bestowe vpon pylgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions.

19 Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the
Sicke. Buriall. sicke, or burye the dead, beyng brought to the Churche.

20 Item, whether they haue bought theyr bene-
Symonie. fices, or come to them by fraude, guyle, deceipt, or simonie.

21 Item, whether they haue geuen open moni-
Adulterers. tion to theyr parishioners, to detect and present

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to theyr Ordinarie, all adulterers, and fornicatours, and such men as haue two wyues lyuyng, within theyr paryshes.

Item, whether they haue monished theyr parishioners openly, that they should not sell, geue, nor otherwyse alienate anye of theyr Churche goodes. 22 Churche goodes.

Item, whether they or any of them do kepe mo benefices and other Ecclesiasticall promotions, then they ought to do, not hauyng sufficient licences and dispensations therevnto, and howe many they be, and theyr names. 23 Many benefices.

Item, whether they minister the holye Communion any otherwyse, then onlye after suche fourme and maner as it is set forth by the common aucthoritie of the Quenes Maiestie and the Parliament. 24 Cõmunion

Item, whether you knowe any person within your paryshe, or els where, that is a letter of the worde of God to be read in Englyshe, or sincerely preached in place and times conuenient. 25 Letters of the word or preachyng.

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanye, or any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Sermon or Homylye, and when the Priest readeth the Scriptures to the parishioners, any person haue departed out of the Churche, without iuste and necessarye cause, or disturbe the 26 Goers out of the Churche.

Minister

Minister otherwyse.

27 Churche money. Item, whether the money commyng and ryſyng of any cattell or other moueable ſtockes of the Church, and money geuen and bequeathed to the fyndyng of torches, lyghtes, tapers, or lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not ben employed to the poore mens cheſte.

28 Keepers of the Church money. Item, who hath the ſayde ſtockes and money in theyr handes, and what be theyr names.

29 Contempt of Prieſtes. Item, whether any indiſcrete perſons do vncharitably comtemne and abuſe Prieſtes & Miminiſters of the Churche.

30 The kinges Grammer. Item, whether there be any other Grammer taught in any ſcoole within this Dioceſſe, then that which is ſet forth by the aucthoritie of kyng Henry the eyght.

31 The tyme of ſeruice. Item, whether the ſeruice of the Churche be done at due and conuenient houres.

32 Talkers in the Church Item, whether any haue vſed to common, iangle, and talke in the Churche, in the tyme of the prayer, readyng of the Homylye, preachyng, readyng, or declaring of the Scripture.

33 Hereſies. Item, whether any haue wylfully mayntey-ned and defended any hereſies, errours, or falſe opinions, contrary to the fayth of Chriſt and holye Scripture.

Item,

Item, whether any be common dronkardes, swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. 34 Dronkards

Item, whether any haue committed adulterye, fornication, or incest, or be common bawdes, or receyuers of such euill persons, or vehemently suspected of any of the premisses. 35 Adulterers.

Item, whether any be brawlers, saunderers, chyders, scolders, and sowers of discorde betwene one person and another. 35 Brawlers.

Item, whether you knowe any that do vse charmes, sorcerye, enchauntmentes, inuocations, circles, witchcraftes, southsaying, or any lyke craftes or imaginations iuuented by the deuyll, and speciallye in the tyme of womens trauayle. 37 Sorcerers.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpittes, and other necessaryes apperteynyng to the same, be sufficiently repayred, and yf they be not, in whose default the same is. 38 Pulpittes.

Item, whether you knowe any, that in contempt of theyr owne parishe Churche, do resort to any other Churche. 39 Resorters to other Churches.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehouse kepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and drinke in the tyme of common prayer, preachyng, readyng of the Homylyes or Scripture. 40 Inholders.

41 Diuorse. Item, whether you knowe any to be marryed within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God, or that be seperated or diuorsed without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any suche haue marryed agayne.

42 Priuie contractes. Item, whether you knowe any to haue made priuie contractes of Matrimonie, not callyng two or mo wytnesses therunto, nor hauyng therto the consent of theyr parentes.

43 Banes. Item, whether they haue maryed solempnly, the banes not fyrst lawfully asked.

44 Executours Item, whether you knowe any Executours or administratours of dead mens goodes, which do not duely bestowe suche of the sayde goodes as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be distributed among the poore people, repayryng of hygh wayes, fyndyng of poore scollers, or maryng of poore maydens, or suche other lyke charitable deedes.

45 Images. Item, whether you knowe any that kepe in theyr houses vndefaced, any Images, Tables, Pictures, payntynges, or other monumentes of fayned and false miracles, pilgrimages, ydolatry and superstition, and do adore them, and specialye suche as haue ben set vp in Churches, Chappelles, or Oratories.

46 Bookes. Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you haue

haue deliuered to be burnt, or otherwyse destroyed, and to whom ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what bybes the accusers, promoters, persecuters, Ecclesiasticall iudges, and other the Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall Diocesse of this Realme, haue receyued by themselues or other, of those persons whiche were in trouble, apprehended, or imprysoned for Religion. 47 Bybes.

Item, what goodes, moueable landes, fees, offices, or promotions, hath ben wrongfully taken away in the time of Queene Maries raigne, from any person whiche fauoured the Religion nowe set forth. 48 Losse of goodes.

Item, howe many persons for Religion haue dyed by fyre, famine, or otherwyse, or haue ben imprisoned for the same. 49 Howe manye burnt.

Item, that you make a true presentment of the number of all the persons whiche dyed within your parishes, sithen the feast of Saint John Baptist, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fyue hundreth fiftie and eyght, vnto the same feast last past. Makyng therein a playne distinct declaration, howe many men, women, and men chyldren the same were. And the names of the men. 50 Certificat of the dead.

Item, whether ye knowe any man in your 51 Secrete Malles.

paryshe, secretelye or in vnlawfull conuenticles, say or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the lawe.

52 False rumours. Item, whether you knowe any person in your paryshe, to be a slaunderer of his neighbours, or a sower of discorde betwene partie and partie, man and wyfe, parentes and their chyldren, or that hath inuented, bruted, or set foorth any rumours, false and seditious tales, slaunders, or makers, bryngers, byers, sellers, kepers, or conueyers of any vnlawfull bookes, whiche myght stirre or prouoke sedition, or mayntayne superstitious seruice within this Realme, or aydours, counsaylours, procurers, or maynteners thervnto.

Vnlawfull bookes.

53 Patron. Tythes. Vacation. Item, whether the Churche of your paryshe be nowe vacant or no, who is the Patrone therof, howe longe it hath ben vacant, who doth receyue the tythes, oblations, and other commodities during the time of the vacation, and by what aucthoritie, and in what estate the sayde Church is at this time, and howe long the Parson or Vicar hath had that Benefice.

54 Minstrelles Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other persons do vse to syng or say any songes or dities that be vyle or vncleane, and especially in derision of any Godly order nowe set forth and establyshed.

Item,

Item, whether the Letany in English with the Epistle and Gospell which was by the Queenes highnesse proclamation willed to be read to the people, were put in vse in your Churches, and if not, who were the letters thereof. 55 Letanie in English.

Item, whether the Curates and ministers doe leisurelie, plainely, and distinctly reade the publique prayers, Chapters and Homilies, as they ought to doe. 56 Distinct reading.

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